

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 1-17

INTRODUCED BY: MedChi Sub Committee on Prescription and Nonprescription Drugs with
Abuse Potential.

SUBJECT: Maryland Medical Cannabis Registry

1 Whereas, Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP) is a state wide Maryland HIE
2 designed to support statewide efforts of improving patient care, appropriately and securely share data and
3 reduce costs; and
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5 Whereas, Protecting patient information in the CRISP HIE is a priority. CRISP follows all state and federal
6 privacy and security laws to protect patient health information; and
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8 Whereas, patient and caregiver registration is required by Maryland Medical Cannabis to register on the
9 Commission’s website by providing name, address, date of birth, and uploading an image of a government
10 ID. Once registered, a must patient will go to a doctor with whom the patient has a “bona fide
11 physician-patient relationship and who has registered with the Commission to obtain a written certification:
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14 Whereas, under current Maryland Medical Cannabis regulations a patient registry is to be established; and
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16 Whereas, “bona fide physician-patient relationship means the physician has examined the patient, reviewed
17 medical records, assessed the patient’s medical history, maintains records on the patient, and will provide
18 follow-up care to the patient as needed; and
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20 Whereas, each patient may only have one written certification and one certifying physician at a time; and
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22 Whereas, information on use of Medical Cannabis is not federally protected; and
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24 Whereas, Maryland prescribers are already required to register with the PDMP which is housed within
25 CRISP; and
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27 Whereas Medical Cannabis is pharmacologically active and can contain multiple active compounds that
28 may act in unpredictable ways, may interact with other prescribed medications and disease states; and
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30 Whereas a patient may not disclose the relationship with the Medical Cannabis certifying physician to their
31 other physicians; therefore be it
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1 Resolved, that MedChi's Membership take a position that the Maryland Medical Cannabis patient registry
2 be housed within CRISP and the data be accessible to all Maryland PDMP registrants.

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5 As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 30, 2017.